The proposal for 'Conservation and Sustainable Management of Pushkar Sarovar in Ajmer' has also been examined and is under active consideration of this Ministry. The proposal awaits certain administrative inputs from the Government of Rajasthan. The State Government has been informed about the same.

Diversion of forest land for wind energy projects

1836. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that in Sakri taluka of Dhule District of Maharashtra about 340 hectares of forest land has been diverted for wind energy projects depriving the rights of scheduled tribes and other traditional forest dwellers there;

(b) if so, what prompted Government to deprive to change mind at the cost of scheduled tribes and other forest dwellers;

(c) in case Government finally go for wind energy projects then whether Government is prepared to compensate them adequately; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Two wind energy projects covering an area of 340.46 hectares were accorded approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 during the year 2005-06 by the Central Government in Dhule district of Maharashtra, in which no displacement of people was involved.

(c) and (d) In projects where displacement of people is involved, the resettlement is done as per the Central Government and the concerned State Governments' Relief and Rehabilitation Policy. In case of displacement of people belonging to the Scheduled Tribes, the views of Ministry of Tribal Affairs are also taken into consideration.

Projects for tackling climate changes in the country

1837. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects on tackling climate change underway in the country;

(b) whether international assistance is being sought by Government to finance these projects to develop innovative means of tackling changes;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has any proposal to constitute an Expert Group to study climate change; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) Several projects on multidisciplinary aspects of Climate Change have been completed and funded by the Government of India, Global